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FOR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS FROM HOWARD SCHAFER

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CONTACTS AND TRAVEL DURING STATE ASSEMBLY CAMPAIGNS

1. IN CONNECTION WITH OUR REPORTING ON THE STATE ASSEMBLY ELECTION CAMPAIGN, WE INTEND TO MAINTAIN AND INCREASE OUR CONTACTS WITH OUR NORMAL SOURCES (JOURNALISTS, POLITICIANS AND OTHERS) BUT WILL EXERCISE CAUTION TO AVOID ATTRACTING SUSPICION BY SUCH MEASURES AS AVOIDING CONTROVERSIAL LEADERS OF PARTY FACTIONS. IN ADDITION, WE PLAN TO DO A LIMITED AMOUNT OF TRAVELLING, FOR THE MOST PART RESTRICTING OURSELVES TO BRIEF VISITS TO THE CAPITALS OF STATES WHERE ELECTIONS ARE BEING HELD.

2. YOU MAY WISH TO FOLLOW OUR PATTERN ON CONTACTS AND TRAVEL, BUT WE LEAVE TO YOUR JUDGMENTS WMVT LIMITATIONS TO IMPOSE ON BOTH CONTACTS AND TRAVEL IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY APPEARANCE OF INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.
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